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It is unfortunate if Windsor has to go without a representative during the forthcoming session of the Vermont legislature.

Any reports that the sons of the former emperor of Germany have gone over to the new democracy in Germany should be taken with mental reservation. If they have gone over to democracy it is not for any good purpose to democracy, it is surmised.

The alleged proposal of the government of Holland to provide a fleet to guard the ex-kaiser and his eldest son interned on a Dutch island either in the East or the West Indies is absurd on the face of it. To employ a fleet to watch two men would be almost as ridiculous as sweeping back the sea with brooms.

Now that the allies are getting ready to sit around the conference table to prepare terms by which they dictate peace to Germany, there must be a feeling of regret in Russia, even among the most rabid element, that Russia is not to be included in the circle of the former entente allies. There will be regret that Russia by passively allowing herself to become a victim to treachery, even though it could not be termed direct treachery to her allies, became counted out of the circle of nations which are now the victors in the great war. Had Russia stayed in the war even to the extent of maintaining a defensive line against the attacks of the Germans, Russia would have had an honored place in the council table with the allies to-day. Instead of that, Russia is forced to be a rank outsider, taking whatever may fall to her lot in the negotiations. Loyal Russians must have their souls wrung with agony to see this pitiful condition of a once great nation.

The appointment of Dr. E. A. Stanley to be superintendent of the Vermont state hospital for the insane at Waterbury brings to this important position a man who is quite conversant with the institution through 11 years' association with it, the last two years as first assistant superintendent; therefore, the confusion which would have been brought about had an outsider been chosen will be avoided. The routine of the institution can be continued in much the same manner as it was conducted under the administration of the late Superintendent Wason, allowing, at the same time, a slight latitude in the form of service, as no two men would do similar duties in exactly the same manner. The people of Vermont wish for Superintendent Stanley a full measure of success in the immediate control of the great institution and its hundreds of inmates. He is entrusted with a work of considerable magnitude.

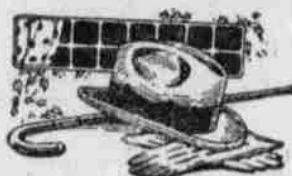
The ramifications of the pro-German propaganda which operated in the United States before the entrance of this country into the war against Germany makes a disgusting revelation to the American people who put their own government first of all nations and who put the nation last which attacks their own government secretly or otherwise. Many of the persons named in the propaganda as alleged supporters of the German cause in the war will regret exceedingly that they were brought into the mess, and it is probable that some of them had no connection whatever with the malodorous scheming only as they contributed through independent action as speakers or writers who sincerely believed in Germany and Germany's motives. Long ere this they probably have found how completely they were hoodwinked by Kultur, and they have long since ceased to follow false gods which were using them as instruments of German aggrandizement. But the mess into which they were unwittingly drawn is just now coming to the surface. It is rotten enough.

THE NATION IS SPARED ONE MORTIFICATION.

The action of the foreign relations committee of the United States Senate in rejecting unanimously the proposal of Senator Cummins of Iowa to send a delegation of senators to Paris to spy out the doings of the peace conference removes one possibility of making the United States more or less ridiculous before the entire world. The spectacle of one branch of the United States government being represented at the peace conference and another branch sitting on the doorsteps waiting for a report of the doings inside would give the impression that the United States is a very loosely knit governmental organization and that we live and move and have our being in mutual distrust of each other. That manifestation of two sides of our nature would be very disquieting to Europeans who are beginning to look upon democracy as the finest form of government that could be hoped for on this mundane sphere; they would certainly get the impression that if the great democracy of the United States is such a ramshackle

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affair they will want nothing of the kind for theirs. Thus all the advance made by democracy in this war will have been swept away by careless demonstration of pique on the part of a certain section of the United States. There may be good reason why the American peace delegation should have had one member from the United States Senate; but the continuation of the spirit of dissatisfaction by sending a special senatorial mission to Paris would have been unworthy of the United States. The Cummins resolution was laid away in decent fashion.

WHY WE OBSERVE BRITAIN DAY.

This is Britain Day. And we can celebrate it with due fervor if not by fireworks and much noise. We can celebrate it because of what Great Britain is and because of what Great Britain has done for the United States during the last few years. Indeed, the whole world undoubtedly owes a debt to Great Britain for stepping in and placing a great obstacle in the path of the would-be world tyrant. When, almost without warning, the German armies burst the frontier barrier and rushed into Belgium unbidden and without permission they found a small force of the Old Continentals barring their way to an easy conquest of France, together with the forces brought by little Belgium and the available sent by France. From that day to this Great Britain has stood as the solid rock in the way of the tyrant.

For years she was the banker of the allies, furnishing the sinews of war liberally and without stint. For the whole period of the war her grand fleet kept the German warships bottled up and Germany's commerce reduced to nothing, while at the same time the commerce of the allies was enabled to continue to a considerable degree. After much travail, too, Great Britain built up an army that stood the brunt of the assaults of the foe delivered in the most ferocious fashion. That army, strongly supported by the French and in conjunction with the Belgians and the Italians stood off the monster after the collapse of Russia until the United States could get her fine army onto the field of conflict. And, over and above these material things, Great Britain provided an indomitable spirit which served to keep several of the allies in line although they were faltering in their courage in the face of the tremendous military machine built up by the detested Hohenzollerns.

These are a few of the things which Great Britain has done for the world and incidentally for the United States. Sometimes there is a tendency to hark back to old days and again to consider Britain's present day acts with repugnance; but when all is summed up Great Britain is a pretty good friend of the United States and, besides, stands for some of the best things in the world. So we can celebrate Britain day with deep sincerity, knowing that our cousins across the sea are standing with us for the best interests of the world as a whole.

CURRENT COMMENT

Autumn Walks.

Do not give up walks out of doors just because the air is a bit sharper and the flowers and birds are gone.

"More health is gained by wearing out shoe leather Than comes from all the doctors put together."

On a gray November afternoon a book by the fire may seem infinitely more attractive than the outdoors, yet aside from the vim born of exercise in the open air at this time of year may be most fruitful of enjoyment. An armful of fresh ferns, a trailing mass of evergreen, a gleam of scarlet among dark partridge berry vines, afford a pleasure which they could not give when flowers surrounded our every step. There are mosses and lichens well worth looking at, which we can see now that other foliage no longer distracts our attention. The lace-like branches of bare trees against the sky have a grace all their own, and the nut-hatch running head down along the tree trunk, or a friendly chickadee calling to us as we pass, are not just birds among a thousand others, as in summer, but little comrades of the day. Moreover, those who follow the outdoor paths through the late autumn have gone a long way toward laying the bogie of cold weather dread which haunts so many people at this season.—Brattleboro Reformer.

The Home

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As the Christmas time approaches, its true significance has a fuller appeal and particularly so to the boys "over there," who cannot be with us this year.

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MABEL SYRUP'S COLYUM

"To have a lively and not a stolid countenance."—Truth of Intercourse.

"Armed imperialism * * * is at an end, illicit ambitions engulfed in black disaster. Who will seek to revive it?"—President Wilson.

"We shall not dismantle our plants * * * the suspension may be only temporary."—The brewers of Boston.

Giving counsel to the brewers has been our favorite indoor pastime ever since they began flooding the few remaining Vermont cases with the backwash of the rats. In this instance they have failed to hear the trumpet call that rings as loudly in Boston as it does in Barton.

So we recommend a perusal of the book by Dr. William Steward, D. D., entitled, "The First Edition of Healing Art, to Which Is Added All His Improvements and New Discoveries from 1812 to 1826, Including His Whole System Upon Phisick and Surgery and a Concise Herbal." In it will be found the following:

"To cure deafness: Bore ten or twelve holes almost through a large onion with a small spike gimlet, fill the holes with rattle-snake grease, roast the onion in a petty pan before the fire until the juice and grease incorporate, then squeeze through a fine cloth and cork it tight in glass vial; drop in ear and cover it on going to bed."

In the same volume, which was included in a sale of Vermontiana recently conducted in Boston under the direction of Charles E. Tuttle of Rutland, a well known collector, appears this prescription for shingles:

"Knock the first and fattest cat that comes to hand in the head, cut her throat, let the blood run on the affected part, then cover instantly with the warm cat's skin flesh side next the patient, after twelve hours roast the cat and apply the grease."

This Would Be a Dreary World Without Our Little Local Grinds.

Tom Camp while splitting wood the other evening took his foot for kindling and tried to split open with the axe. He succeeded in severing a small artery, which bled profusely and was glad it was no worse. Tom should not have such large feet.—Newport item.

L. P. Merrifield is recovering from the effects of a too close contact with poisoning. His face was for a few days so camouflaged that his oldest friends could not recognize him. He prefers to be less of "a swell."—Charlestown, N. H., item.

Looks Like It Is Somewhere Between 22 and 24.

Thanks to the Rutland Herald, we at last have Mabel Syrup's number. Reading "between the lines" as it were of a poem in Mabel's column, which The Herald reprints from the Barre Times, we discover the following:

"Shall we forget the brave soldiers who bleed, GAL-TWO MABLE SYRUP—In their last anguish and terrible need!"

—Caption and Comment in the Brattleboro Reformer.

W. E. Greene, the Burlington glazier, has the makings of an antivivisectionist: "What's the Use of a Window with a Broken Pain of Glass?"

A winnowing of The Col's annual crop of Thanksgiving verse reveals a dedication to the peace conference. De-Ginkibus will say a few words to you before we close.

A Hymn of Hope.

All wars must cease throughout the world, The bleeding nations cried; Our women and our children dear Shall not be crucified! An untold number of sad hearts Pray this with one accord; To all who help bring peace, we ask The blessing of the Lord.

Green Mountain Echoes.

Dan Cupid is very busy these days getting in some overtime.—Proctorville item.

Hunters and huntress are out but not much game has been caught.—Thetford item.

The Larkin soap club were entertained Thursday at the home of Miss Annie Kreis.—West Windsor item.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rousseau are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son. "First a daughter, then a son and the world is well begun."—Grand Isle item.

Brainard Mudgett is out after a bout with just plain, old-fashioned grip—he knows the bird—he has had it before and there was not a Spanish flu about it.—Fitchville item.

Forty deer were in the Bull during the hunting season.—Bull Run item.

The young people of this vicinity are having great times these moonlight evenings. Oh, me! We can't always be young.—Cadys Falls item.

Heavy Attack on Assassins.—Headline. (By S. Simon, with apologetic apologies.) O, to hold office in Barre—In the chill of a winter's eve To know that a poke in the midriff Lurks nigh in the mayor's sleeve.

Taxpayers on every corner, And in every street a cop; To be known that you court in the city report.

The notice some voters call sop. O, to hold office in Barre! (It's a grand and glorious feeling)

Your heart must be down where your heels are.

You eyes with the flies—on the ceiling.

When the last year's tax is counted, And our city has crumbled to dust, I hope to see haled yonder The listers—the crabb'd, the suss'd.

Dr. Watson and Philo Gubb Will Be Detained in Orleans County This Week.

The Express and Standard does not claim to be running a liquor agency, but by the number of bottles picked up in our side alley, somebody must be doing a landoffice business. So far this week we have gathered in one bottle Paul Jones whiskey, one bottle Scotch whiskey and one bottle Old Puma Rye—all empty. Dozens have been found before this. It hardly seems right to furnish the grounds for the distribution of liquors, and only be allowed the empty bottles and the smell of the cork for rental. So unless this "underground agency" leaves a sealed bottle now and then we are going to kick.—Newport item.

Community Plumbing—The Newest Note in Country Life.

A complete bathroom outfit is being installed by E. S. Pope for Lindon Mitch-

ell in Fairfield and Frank Sargent in Johnson.—Jeffersonville item.

"I have not renounced anything."—The clown prince.

Not even the devil and all his works, the poms and vanities of this wicked world, or the sinful lusts of the flesh. M. S.

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